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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE PRIORITY
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BELGRADE: FOR PAO CATHERMAN

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS:OEXC, YO, HU (HOUSER, THOMAS)
SUBJECT: AMSPEC IN U.S. ELECTORAL PROCESS: THOMAS HOUSER
REFS: A) BELGRADE 2254 (NOTAL), B) BUDAPEST 1103,
C) STATE 80272, D) BELGRADE 1026
1. IN VIEW FACT EE POSTS, OTHER THAN BELGRADE AND BUDAPEST,
UNABLE PROGRAM HOUSER AT TIME STATED REFTEL C AND EMBASSY
BELGRADE SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED HOUSER (REFTEL D), DEPT
HOPES POST CAN DO ITS BEST TO EFFECTIVELY PROGRAM HOUSER
IN YUGOSLAVIA UNTIL MAY SEVEN.
2. REVISED ITINERARY FOLLOWS:
APRIL TWENTY-FIVE THROUGH THIRTY - HUNGARY
MAY ONE THROUGH SEVEN - YUGOSLAVIA
3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRAM DETAILS FROM BOTH
POSTS ASAP FOR HOUSER BRIEFING SCHEDULED APRIL TWENTY-THREE.
4. FOR BUDAPEST: DEPARTMENT WILL SEND PASSPORT SUPPORT
DATA FOR HOUSER AND WIFE UPON RECEIPT.
5. OUTLINE OF HOUSER'S LECTURE TOPICS FOLLOWS:
I. THE PRESIDENCY
A. ASCENT TO POWER
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B. A FRESH LOOK AT CHECKS AND BALANCES

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II. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS
A. PRIMARIES - STRUGGLE FOR NOMINATION
B. THE GENERAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN
III. THE CONSTITUTION AFTER TWO HUNDRED YEARS
A. SOME APPARENT LOOPHOLES - MAYBE?
B. OVERALL EVALUATION
IV. RECENT POLITICAL TRENDS IN THE USA
A. DEMISE OF TWO MAJOR PARTIES
B. EMERGENCE OF INDEPENDENT VOTERS
C. IMPACT OF TV ON AMERICAN ELECTION
D. INCUMBENCY MAY NO LONGER BE AN ADVANTAGE
E. RISE OF MINORITY POLITICAL POWER
F. PRESS CREDIBILITY GAP - IMPACT ON QUALITY OF OUR DEMOCRACY
G. ATTITUDES - JOHN DOE'S "WELTANSCHAUNG"
1. TAXPAYERS REVOT
2. A LURCH TOWARD ISOLATION
3. GOVERNMENT'S CRISES OF CONFIDENCE
4. SUPREMACY OF YOUTH
5. POLITICAL APATHY
V. PREDICTION ON PRESIDENTIAL RACE KISSINGER

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